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**Television Developments in Hungary**

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1. A Reuters broadcast from London on 16 February 1955 quotes the following item under Vienna date line:

"A second television transmitter station is to be built in Budapest this month, the Hungarian Trade Union paper 'Magyar Nemzet' reported. It will have a capacity of 500 watts and is to cooperate with the first station of 100 watts in broadcasting test programs. Test broadcasts of films have been transmitted since January, 1953, three times a week for two hours.

"The paper estimated that there are some 100 television sets in operation throughout Hungary, most of them are imported sets, and the rest self-made by amateurs.

"The production of Hungarian television sets has not yet been started. 'The Soviet Union has furnished the plans but the necessary raw materials and tools are not available,' the paper said.

"Meanwhile the first basic television set is being developed and it is planned to produce the first 100 sets before the end of the year. The price for a Hungarian has not been revealed."

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